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**FY 2018 Categorical Budget Transfer**

The Howard County Public School System has reviewed the current status of FY 2018 funding, with particular interest in savings from efficiencies that can be applied toward the anticipated \$50.5 million Health Fund deficit we will face at the end of FY 2018.

The largest sum is funding being transferred to Category 12 – Fixed Charges to lessen the Health Fund deficit. The funding was found through cost savings and efficiencies in four other categories.

Additional funding was needed in Category 1 – Administration for contract buyout costs for the former Superintendent, along with unanticipated costs for a forensic audit and contracted payroll expenses.

Also, additional funding is needed in Category 9 – Student Transportation to cover expenses that exceeded conservative budgeting.

The school system appreciates your consideration of these categorical transfers to allow the most efficient use of end of year FY 2018 funding.